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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of the Transfer and Sale of Property in Henderson County, North Carolina

Docket No. 2021-213-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") reviewed the filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") for approval of the transfer and sale of certain real estate ("Application") known as the Henderson County, NC property (the "Property").

Overview of Company's Request

South Carolina Code Ann. § 58-27-1300 requires DEC to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") when the Company seeks to "sell, assign, transfer, lease, consolidate, or merge its utility property" with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000,000.

The Property consists of certain real estate that is not required for the Company's current utility operations. The Property consists of a 25.07-acre tract. The Company acquired the Property in December 2018 for the siting and construction of a new substation. Now that the substation has been sited, the Company is able to sell the unneeded portion of the larger property. The Property is being sold to Bunrootis LLC, ("Bunrootis") which is not affiliated with the Company in any way.

The Company identified in its Application that it has entered into a contract with Bunrootis to sell the Property for \$1,750,000. The Company further states the Property received a Broker

Opinion Value valuing the Property at \$1,611,199 and that the tax value of the Property is \$1,125,442.

The Company noted that the original cost of the Property being sold will be credited as a reduction of the amount carried upon the books of DEC under Account 105, "Plant Held for Future Use." In accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for public utilities, as adopted by the Commission, any gain realized from this transaction related to the building will be credited to depreciation reserves and any gain from this transaction related to the land will be recorded in Account 421.1000 entitled "Gain on Disposition of Property".

ORS Recommendation

ORS reviewed the Company's Application, the Property appraisals, as well as South Carolina Code Ann. § 58-27-1300 and prior filings by the Company pertaining to regarding the sale of property. This request will not involve a change to any of DEC's retail rates or prices, require any change in any Commission rule, regulation, or policy, and the transaction will not affect the Company's ability to provide reliable service to its customers. ORS does not object to the Company's request for approval to sell the Property.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me along with all parties of record.

Sincerely,

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)

David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)